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SUBJECT: SWITZERLAND GOALS IMPLEMENTATION

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE OPERATIVE TEXT OF THE CONDENSED
SWITZERLAND GOALS IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT, BASED ON THE
REFTEL APRIL 6 INTERAGENCY BROAD RANGE REVIEW.

2. BEGIN TEXT: IN IMPLEMENTING ESTABLISHED GOALS, THE
AMBASSADOR AND THE COUNTRY TEAM WILL:

A. SUPPORT IN LOW-KEY FASHION SWITZERLAND'S "OPENNESS TO
THE WORLD" TO INCLUDE UN MEMBERSHIP, WHILE RESPECTING
ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO DETERMINE THE MANNER IN WHICH IT

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ELECTS TO PURSUE SUCH A POLICY;

B. SEEK TO ACCOMMODATE LEGITIMATE REQUIREMENTS OF US
REGULATORY AGENCIES WITH IMPERATIVES OF SWISS SECRECY LAWS;

C. WORK WITH THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY AND THE
FEDERAL RESERVE TOWARD SWISS AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR

BETTER SUPERVISION OF AMERICAN BANK BRANCHES;

D. ASSURE THE SWISS THAT THE US CONTINUES TO RECOGNIZE ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO IMPLEMENT THE F-5E OFFSET PROGRAM, BUT AVOID PRESSURE FOR AN EXPANDED OFFSET AGREEMENT;

E. BOLSTER SWISS CONFIDENCE THAT WE ARE WILLING TO SUPPLY WEAPONS IN SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES TO THEIR MILITARY, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF US ARMS POLICY, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SWITZERLAND'S ARMED NEUTRALITY POLICY;

F. SUPPORT RECIPROCAL VISITS AND CONTACTS WITH THE SWISS MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT;

G. MAINTAIN THE EXPANDED CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE US EXPORTS;

H. ESTABLISH CLOSER LIAISON WITH THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY, IN PARTICULAR, ADDRESS SYMPATHETICALLY THE PROBLEMS OF THE RESIDENT US BUSINESS AND BANKING COMMUNITIES TO GAIN THEIR CONFIDENCE.

I. CONTINUE PRESSURE ON THE SWISS TO BE MORE ACCOMMODATING TO US AGRICULTURAL POLICY OBJECTIVES;

J. ENCOURAGE INCREASED SWISS TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES;

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K. ASSIST APPROPRIATE SWISS DIRECT INVESTMENT EFFORTS IN THE UNITED STATES;

L. INTENSIFY CONTACTS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COMMUNITY TO FACILITATE BETTER MUTUAL COMMUNICATION AND GREATER SWISS UNDERSTANDING OF US INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICIES;

M. PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO AMBASSADOR MCDONALD AND HIS MTN STAFF IN GENEVA, AS WELL AS TO AMBASSADOR WARNKE AND HIS SALT STAFF, AS NECESSARY;

N. CONTINUE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SWISS UNDERSTANDING OF US FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES, AS WELL AS AMERICAN SOCIETY, BY CAREFUL UTILIZATION OF LIMITED PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND EXCHANGES RESOURCES;

O. ESTABLISH CLOSER LIAISON WITH SWISS GOVERNMENT AND DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY FOR MORE EFFECTIVE REPORTING.END
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